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2494. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments that have been declared missing by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) with details of the same, State/UT-wise;
(b) the number of monuments found after the declaration of the missing list by the ASI with details of the same, State/UT-wise;
(c) the procedure currently followed by the ASI to track missing monuments and archaeological sites across the country;
(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce satellite mapping of ancient monuments and archaeological sites to enable better records and maintenance; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) 24 monuments are missing/untraceable. The details are at Annexure.

(b) The Performance Audit Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), laid on the table of the Parliament House on 23.8.2013, has stated that 92 protected monuments are missing. However, vigorous efforts to locate/identify the reportedly untraceable monuments based on old records, revenue maps and published reports were carried out by the respective field offices of Archaeological Survey of India. The status of such 92 monuments/sites is as below:
Number of monuments/sites which physically exist 42
Number of monuments/sites affected due to rapid urbanization : 14
Number of monuments/sites submerged under reservoir/dam : 12
Number of monuments/sites which are untraceable: 24

(c) The procedure to find out untraceable monuments involve verification of old record, revenue maps, referring published reports, physical inspections and deployment of teams to trace the missing monuments.

(d)&
(e) Yes, Madam. Archaeological Survey of India entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Remote Sensing Centre/Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for preparation of satellite based maps indicating protected, prohibited and regulated areas with respect to all centrally protected monuments.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2494 FOR 14.12.2015

1. LIST OF MONUMENTS/SITES WHICH ARE UNTRACEABLE

Assam
1. Guns of Emperor Sher Shah, Sadia, Tinsukia
Arunachal Pradesh
2. The Ruins of Copper Temple,Paya, Lohit
Haryana
3. Kos Minar, Mujesar, Faridabad
4. Kos Minar, Shahabad, Kurukshetra
Uttarakhand
5. Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Almora
Delhi
6. Bara Khamba Cemetery, Delhi
7. Inchla Wali Gumti, Mubarakpur Kotla
Madhya Pradesh
8. Rock Inscription, Satna
Maharashtra
9. Old European Tomb, Pune
10. One Buruj, Agarkot
Rajastha
11. Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Tonk
12. 12th Century Temple, Baran
Uttar Pradesh
13. Ruins of three small linga temple circle 1000 AD, Ahugi Mirzapur
14. Three sites with megaliths on the western and north eastern toes of the hill, Chandauli
15. Tablet on treasury building, Varanasi
16. Telia Nala Buddhist ruins, Varanasi
17. A Banyan grove containing traces of ancient building, Amavey, Ballia
18. Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Banda
19. Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Mehroni, Lalitpur
20. Three Tomb, Lucknow-Faizabad Road, Lucknow
21. Cemeteries at miles 6 and 7, Jahraila Road, Lucknow
22. Cemetery at Gaughat, Lucknow
23. Large ruined site called Sandi-Khera, Pali, Shahabad, Hardoi
West Bengal
24. Ruins of fort, Bamanpukur, Nadia

2. LIST OF MONUMENTS/SITES WHICH PHYSICALLY EXIST

Assam
1. Tomb of Lt. Cresswell, Goalpara
2. Sculpture of Bhairavi, Kamkhya Hill
3. Sculptures in Chummery Compound, Tezpur
Andhra Pradesh
4. Sculptures, carvings, images or other like objects, Buddam, District Guntur
5. Sculptures, carvings, images other like objects found in the vicinity of the mosque, Gudur, Krishna
6. Large Dolmen, Kalyandurg, Anantapur
7. Mounds-Dibba no.1 to 5, Pedavegi, West Godavari
8. Mound, Nagulavaram
Bihar
9. Remains of ramparts and the mound commonly known as 'Queen's Palace' in the old fort known as Killa, Bihar Sharif, Nalanda
Delhi
10. The Moti Gate of Shershah's Delhi, Mauza Badarpur
11. Tomb with three domes near Railway Station, Nizamuddin
12. Shamsi Tallab together with both the platform entrance gates, Mehrauli
13. Nicholson Statue and its platform, Outside of Kashmiri Gate
14. Sat Narain Bhawan, Dina Nath Marg (Sadhora Khurd)
Karnataka
15. Nandikesvara Inscription at Bijapur
Madhya Pradesh
16. Fresco Bachhaun Paintings, Gahira, Rewa

Maharashtra
17. Jarasangh Nagri at Jorve, Ahmednagar
18. Stone Circle at Arsoda, Gadchiroli

19. Group of twenty Cromlechs or Kistvaens at Chamorshi, Gadchiroli
20. Stone Circle at Nildho
21. Stone Circle at Takalghat, Nagpur
22. Old Portuguese Church watch tower and cave on the adjoining hill at Mandapeshwar, Borivali
Meghalaya
23. Stone Memorial of U-Mawthoh-Dur, Shillong
Rajasthan
24. Archaeological site and Remains at Jeora, Nilodh
Tamil Nadu
25. One Jaina statue, Perumbalur
26. Old town wall and David Yale, Chennai
27. Joseph Hynmer's tomb, Chennai

Uttarakhand
28. Khera ki Bandi, Roorkee
Uttar Pradesh
29. Site of Aonla railway station, Bareilly
30. Tomb of Lt. Col. John Guthrie, in mud fort, Farrukhabad
31. Ancient sculpture, carving, images, basrelics, inscriptions,
stones and like objects, Mathura
32. Portion of Katra Mound which are not in the possession of Nazul Tenants on which formerly stood a temple of keshav Dev which was dismantled and the site utilized for the mosque of Aurangazeb, Mathura
33. Monument of Kila Chandpur fort, Bijnor
34. Monument near kila railway station, Hathras
35. Old British cemetery, Bijnor
36. Dih or mound of ruins called Suri-ka-Raj, Ghazipur
37. Mound of brick ruins, Sahiya Kushinagar
38. A series of enormous mound, Gorakhpur
39. Large Dih or mound at Chetion, Kasia, Kushinagar
40. Mound of ruins called Sareya, Kishinagar
41. Remains of large temple, Ram Nagar, Chitrakoot
42. Imambara Amin-ud-daula, Lucknow

3. LIST OF MONUMENTS AFFECTED DUE TO RAPID URBANIZATION AND COMPLETELY ENCROACHED UPON AND SO CAN NOT BE TREATED AS MISSING

Andhra Pradesh
1. Ancient Buddhist remains and Brahmi Inscriptions on the mound, Manehikullu, Guntur
Delhi
2. Mound known as Jogabai, Jamia Nagar

3. Pool Chadar Mughal acquaduct near Najafgarh Jheel, Chaukri Mubarakabad
4. Alipur Cemetery, Alipur camping ground
5. Tomb of Capt. Mc. Barnett & others, Kishanganj
6. Site of Siege Battery bearing the inscription, East of the Hospital in Police Line
7. Site of Siege Battery Right, Major Edward Kaye, R.A., Compound of Curzon Road
8. Site siege battery at Quadasia Mosque garden, North-Delhi Civil line/Qudsia Garden
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Gujarat

10. Ancient Site, Sejakpur
11. Historic Site No. 431 to 435, Vadodara

Karnataka

12. Pre-Historic site, Chikkajala
13. Pre-Historic site, Hejjala

Uttar Pradesh

14. Cemetery (Bus Stand), Jalaun

4. LIST OF MONUMENTS SUBMERGED UNDER RESERVOIR, AND SO CAN NOT BE TREATED AS MISSING

Andhra Pradesh

1. Hills of Nagarjunakonda with the ancient remains, Pullareddigudem, Guntur
2. Sculptures, carvings, images on the ancient mound, Nagulavaram, Guntur

Jammu & Kashmir

3. Rock Carving of Sitala, Narda, Brahma and Radha Krishna, Basholi, Kathua
4. Rock Carving of Devi riding a lion, Basholi, Kathua
5. Visveswara and other caves temple, Kathua

Karnataka

6. Pre-historic Site, Kittur

West Bengal

7. A mound and a statue of surya, Pareshnath, Bankura
8. A mound with a Jain statue, Pareshnath, Bankura
9. Image of Durga slaying Mahishasura under a tree, Sarengarh, Bankura
10. Temple site now represented only by a mound, Sarengarh, Bankura
11. A mound with an image of Nandi on it, Sarengarh, Bankura
12. A mound with statues of Ganesh and Nandi on it, Sarengarh, Bankura